

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022, AT 10:30 A.M.

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

Docket No. 48531

STATE OF IDAHO,)
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Plaintiff-Respondent,)
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v.)
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ERIN MICHELLE SLAUGHTER,)
)
Defendant-Appellant.)

Appeal from the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District, State of Idaho, Bannock County. Hon. Robert C. Naftz, District Judge.

Eric D. Fredericksen, State Appellate Public Defender; Jacob L. Westerfield, Deputy Appellate Public Defender, Boise, for appellant.

Hon. Lawrence G. Wasden, Attorney General; Kacey L. Jones, Deputy Attorney General, Boise, for respondent.

Erin Michelle Slaughter appeals from the district court's order denying her motion to suppress evidence. Officers arrested Slaughter in an apartment pursuant to an arrest warrant. Slaughter was not allowed to hand her personal bags over to other individuals in the apartment and officers seized her bags upon arrest. Slaughter was taken to the patrol vehicle outside the apartment where officers conducted both a search of Slaughter's person and bags. Officers discovered syringes, a pipe, and methamphetamine in Slaughter's bag. The district court denied the motion to suppress, holding that the search was constitutional under the search incident to arrest exception to the warrant requirement.

Slaughter appeals, arguing that the district court erred when it evaluated the validity of the search of her bags at the time of the arrest rather than at the time of the actual search. The State asserts that the district court correctly applied the search incident to arrest exception and, in any event, the evidence was admissible under the doctrine of inevitable discovery.